

DOUBLE BRONZE FOR BC AT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS



BC Wheelchair Basketball Society was thrilled to host 3 exciting days of action from May 21-23rd at the 2004 National Wheelchair Basketball Championships at Pinetree Community Centre in Coquitlam, BC. Coquitlam Mayor Jon Kingsbury opened the championships before 300 players, coaches, officials and spectators saying, "Championship tournaments like this one are always an exciting event in our city. Not only do you provide an opportunity for local and visiting fans to come out and enjoy top teams in action, these events also raise the profile of the many different sports open to athletes."

In one of the most hotly contested basketball games of the tournament, Ontario defeated Manitoba 63-58 to win the Gold medal. In the battle of Alberta the Edmonton Inferno defeated the Calgary Rollers 70-58 to take the CWBL women's national crown.

The BC Men's team won the bronze medal with a hard fought

game over Quebec 80-70. The team from Quebec would never let BC get away and the score at the half was 41-38 for BC. "It was a tough game for us but we were able to prevail in the end," said Peter Taylor, Head Coach of BC. "It was the foul shooting of Richard Peter at the end that saved us. He went six for six." Peter ended the game with 32 points, seven rebounds and five assists, followed by Erik Hagreen from BC with 25 points. Not willing to end the tournament without a medal, the BC Breakers won 74-46 over the Ottawa Jazz in the bronze medal game. BC was up by 10 at the half (33-23) and increased the lead over the length of the second half. Leading all scorers was BC's Trish Nicholson with 27 points and 13 rebounds, followed by Shira Golden with 18 points.

Pat Anderson of Ontario was the MVP of the men's National tournament. All-Stars included Joey Johnson (Manitoba), Stoutenberg (Ontario), David Eng (Quebec), Richard Peter (BC) and Jaimie Borisoff (BC). The MVP of the women's national tournament was Chantal Benoit of the Ottawa Jazz. All-Stars included Trish Nicholson (BC), Danielle Peers (Edmonton), Kendra Ohama (Calgary), Tracey Ferguson (Quebec) and Jennifer Krempien (Edmonton).

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BC Men's and Women's Teams with their Bronze Medals.

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Double Bronze at Nationals



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BC Breakers Trish Nicholson (r) & Carrie Linegar (l) defend Danielle Peers of Edmonton Inferno.



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BC's Ross MacDonald plays tough "D" on Manitoba's Joey Johnson.

DOUGLAS COLLEGE CAPTURES BRONZE AT 2004 CWBL FINALS

Fredericton, New Brunswick hosted the 18th edition of the Canadian Wheelchair Basketball League Finals March 25-28th, 2004. The event featured 8 teams from across Canada: the Winnipeg Thunder, Fredericton A.L. Gullison Allcourts and Saint John Mavericks from New Brunswick; the CIVA Pulsar and Laval Gladiateurs from Quebec; the Twin City Spinners, from Ontario; the Calgary Grizzlies from Alberta; and the Douglas College Lions of British Columbia. Montreal CIVA put up a strong defense combined with some great shooting as they downed the Fredericton A.L. Gullison All Courts 60-54 in the Gold Medal game of the Canadian Wheelchair Basketball League National Championships. In an exciting game, the Douglas College Lions from BC edged the Saint John Mavericks 72-68 to in the Bronze Medal contest. The game was a real seesaw battle with the lead changing throughout. With 3 minutes left the teams were deadlocked 66-66. Kevin Lawrence sank a foul shot with 2 minutes remaining to give Saint John a 68-67 led. Then Richard Peter took over and scored four points in the last minute to clinch the win. Peter was top scorer with 25 points, and he was closely followed by teammate Ross MacDonald's 24. Curtis Brownmiller added 11 points for Douglas. Richard Peter was also named to the all-star team.

CANADIAN WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL TEAMS SELECTED FOR ATHENS



The Canadian Wheelchair Basketball Association has announced the Men's and Women's teams that will defend their gold medals at the Athens Paralympic Games, from September 17 to 28. Congratulations to BC athletes Jaimie Borisoff, Richard Peter, Marni Abbott, Arley McNeney, Shira Golden, and Jennifer Krempien who will be joined by Tim Frick, Trish Nicholson, Carrie Linegar, and Paige Larson as coaching staff.

Countries competing in the women's division are: Australia, Canada, Great Britain, Germany, Japan, Mexico, the Netherlands and the USA.

In the men's division are: Australia, Brazil, Canada, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Italy, Iran, Japan, the Netherlands and the USA.

MEN'S TEAM

Patrick Anderson
Jaimie Borisoff
Bradley Bowden
Dave Durepos
David Eng
Travis Gaertner
Roy Henderson
Joey Johnson
Adam Lancia
Ross Norton
Richard Peter
Chris Stoutenburg

WOMEN'S TEAM

Marni Abbott
Chantal Benoit
Tracey Ferguson
Shira Golden
Jennifer Krempien
Linda Kutrowski
Arley McNeney
Kendra Ohama
Danielle Peers
Sabrina Pettinicchi
Lori Radke
Karla Tritten

Mike Frogley - Head Coach
Paul Bowes - Assistant Coach
Jerry Tonello - Assistant Coach
Bill Johnson - Manager
Brett Nagata - Therapist

Tim Frick - Head Coach
Steve Bialowas - Assistant Coach
Trish Nicholson - Assistant Coach
Carrie Linegar - Manager
Paige Larson - Therapist

NEW WESTMINSTER FIRE FIGHTERS ARE HOOPFEST 2004 CHAMPS



BC Wheelchair Basketball Society would like to extend our thanks to all of the participating teams, volunteers, and supporters of Hoopfest 2004. Hoopfest was held on

Saturday April 24th at McMath Secondary School in Richmond and was a great success, raising \$10,850 to support wheelchair basketball programs across BC. After a great day of games, fabulous food including Panago Pizza, coffee from the Bread Garden, prizes and a great silent auction - the New West Firefighters were the overall champs of our 11th annual event. Thank you to our teams the New West Kinsmen, West Fraser, and the New West, Burnaby, Surrey and Delta Fire Fighters.

Our sincere thanks goes out the students at McMath Secondary School would assisted at this year's event and to the many organizations who donated prizes including: WestJet, Shell Canada, Orca Bay Sports and Entertainment, Memphis Grizzlies, Remax Realty, CWBA, 2010 Legacies Now, Arts Club Theatre, VSO, Listell Vancouver Hotel, Jim O'Neill Hotel and Resorts, Splashdown Park, Greater Vancouver Zoo, Vancouver Art



New West Firefighter Doug Talaber plays defense against a Burnaby Firefighter.

Gallery, Fish House Restaurant, Harbour Cruises, Vancouver Aquarium, AAA Horse & Carriage in Stanley Park, Westin Bayshore, Sammy J Peppers, Museum of Anthropology, Capilano Suspension Bridge, Purdy's Chocolates, Rogers Video, Big River Brew Pub & Zone Bowling Centre.

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BC BOYS NET BRONZE AT JUNIOR NATIONALS

BC Wheelchair Basketball Society was pleased to send a provincial team to participate in the Junior Division Finals of the Canadian Wheelchair Basketball League in Quebec City this past April. Playing a total of five games against Variety Village from Toronto and Team Quebec, the BC squad gained valuable experience playing the game at a high level of competition. After a great weekend and lots of fun the team returned home with a bronze medal. Representing Team BC was Avril Harris (Prince George), Ryan Isabelle (Prince George), Mark Saunders (Lantzville), Sunera Samarkoon (Burnaby), Nick Konishi (Richmond), Cameron Knowles (Richmond), Matthew Ficocelli (Kelowna) and Peter Won (North Vancouver) and Coach Peter Taylor (Surrey). Peter Won was also named to the all-star team.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

Wheelchair basketball in BC continues to flourish, however we can always use more help to assist us in achieving our goals and moving forward as an organization. The success of BCWBS is reliant on the assistance we receive from our membership and volunteers. Here are some suggestions as to how you can volunteer and support the development of wheelchair basketball:

- Be a junior program coach in your community (or assistant coach)
- Take charge and organize a fundraiser for your club or team
- Approach your club's president or main contact and ask, "How can I help?"
- Join the organizing committee for a special event like Hoopfest or the annual Junior Wheelchair Basketball Challenge
- Score keep at one of our many tournaments
- Solicit awards and prizes for our next big event...there's always one around the corner
- Volunteer to be a leader with your club – such as being the equipment manager, treasurer, BC-CWBL league rep, and more....
- Run for the BCWBS Board of Directors or sit on the program or fundraising committee
- Call BCWBS at 604-737-3138 or email bcwbs@telus.net to be added to a volunteer database for future events and opportunities as they arise.



Benjamin Dooley (centre) with Patrick Anderson (above), Joe Higgins (left) and Paul Bowes (right).

ATHLETE PROFILE

Name: **Benjamin Dooley** Born: **Vancouver, BC**
 Residence: **Surrey, BC** Age: **8**

What are your interests/activities? Wheelchair basketball, swimming, horseback riding, reading, computers

How long have you been playing wheelchair basketball?
 6 months

What do you like best about wheelchair basketball?
 Going to camp, meeting new friends

Most memorable wheelchair basketball moment?
 Meeting Patrick Anderson at the 2004 Nationals in Coquitlam

Wheelchair Basketball Goals? To win a gold medal at the nationals some day.

2004 VICTORIA CAMP

by Benjamin Dooley

My dad and I arrived at camp on Saturday morning. In the afternoon we did drills and practiced our skills. Coach Joe asked my dad to be coach too. That was a lot of fun because my dad doesn't know much about wheel chair basketball. I was so tired at the end of the day that I fell asleep in the restaurant while I was waiting for my food.

Sunday was awesome too. We showed up at 8:30 am and started the day with breakfast (Coach Joe's way of getting us to show up on time). We played a lot of games. The best was when we played the coaches. Of course we beat them at their own game.

I hope everybody can go to camp sometime because it's so much fun! It's All-Good!!!

CPC'S CANADIAN PARALYMPIC STORE IS NOW OPEN

For the first time ever, the CPC is providing Canadians with an opportunity to support their team by selecting among five items from the Paralympic collection that are not available in stores: cotton short sleeve sport wear, long sleeve sport wear, Coolmax t-shirt, baseball cap and backpack. The five items are offered exclusively through the CPC website, www.paralympic.ca, and may be ordered by phone, fax, mail or online. By purchasing Official Team Merchandise, Canadians are supporting Canada's Paralympic athletes as they strive to reach the podium at the 2004 Paralympic Summer Games in Athens. The theme of the collection reflects today's Canadian Paralympic heroes: active, determined, triumphant and contemporary. Every member of the BC Wheelchair Basketball Society is eligible to receive an exclusive 10% discount applied to each and every purchase, from now to Games. Please contact the BCWBS Office for more information.

IWBF ANNOUNCES SITE FOR 2005 WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Birmingham, Great Britain will be the host of the 2005 World Junior Championships. The tournament will take place from August 8 – 13, 2005 in the National Indoor Arena in Birmingham. The regulations governing the tournament are:

- The age limit for juniors in a competition in 2005 shall be: 2005 - 22 = 1983. Any player born on 1st January 1983 or after this date will be entitled to participate in qualification competitions for juniors in 2005.
- Women may play on the teams.
- The women players will use their IWBF classification with the following exception; when a team has a woman who is beckoned on to the court and becomes a player under the rules of play the total number of points allowed on the court for that team will increase by one point for each woman player on the court.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST 2004

- 3-6 BCWSA Junior Sport Camp
Victoria, BC
- 4-8 Canada Cup – Pre-Paralympic
Tournament
Toronto, ON
- 16-20 BCWSA Junior Sport Camp
Coquitlam, BC
- 24-27 BCWSA Junior Sport Camp
Kelowna, BC
- 28-29 Dribble On Wheels Junior Camp
Seattle, Washington

SEPTEMBER 2004

- 17-28 Paralympic Games
Athens, Greece
- 26 Junior Wheelchair Basketball
Camp
Prince George, BC

OCTOBER 2004

- 30-31 Canada Games Wheelchair
Basketball ID Camp
Douglas College
New Westminster, BC

NOVEMBER 2004

- 13/14 BC-CWBL (Div 1 & 2)
Tournament
Douglas College
New Westminster, BC
- 13 BCWBS AGM
Douglas College
New Westminster, BC

REGIONAL UPDATES

Kelowna/Vernon: The Okanagan Thunder Wheelchair Basketball team in Kelowna/Vernon are continuing to have practices throughout the summer on Sundays at 10am at the Parkinson Recreation Centre. We have had a busy year which included organizing basketball demos at schools in both Kelowna and Vernon and will continue these demos next season as well. We also became members under the umbrella of People In Motion. We are in the process of raising money for new equipment for the following year. Matt Ficocelli went to Junior Nationals in April with Team BC and they won the bronze medal. We are going to have a Division 2, Recreational and Junior program again this fall. We are excited about the coming season and look forward to hosting the finals here next March! For information please contact Dino Padula at 250-547-8843 or dwheelen@hotmail.com.

Kamloops: The Bull-dawgs are taking the summer off, but will be gearing up for a September start to the season. For information please call Tyler Tingle at home 250-374-8864 or work at 250-851-0882.

Prince George: The Prince George Titans have a new addition to their club – a fantastic equipment trailer which will get lots of use hauling wheelchairs around town and across BC while promoting their club. Special thanks to Nancy, Vern and Viv for all their hard work in making this dream a reality. (Picture of PG juniors with the new trailer).

PRINCE GEORGE JUNIOR WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL CAMP

When: Sunday, September 26th, 2004 from 9:00am – 5:00pm

Where: The Civic Centre, Prince George (downtown)

Cost: Early Bird Rate before September 10th - \$15.00

Late Registration after September 11th - \$20.00

BC Wheelchair Basketball and the Prince George Titans are pleased to present this exciting Junior Camp. This camp is designed for junior athletes both with a disability and without and from novice to more experienced players. The camp is aimed at improving all players' skill level while having a ton of fun! Participants will have the opportunity to develop their skills and then use these skills in a game situation through the guidance of our Guest Coach Joe Higgins. Breakfast and lunch will be provided and is included in your registration fee.

For more information and to register please contact Nancy Harris of the Prince George Titans at 250-967-4665 or panycake@pgonline.com.

EXTERNAL CREDENTIALS - SPORT CREDITS PROGRAM

Wheelchair Basketball Guidelines and Standards for 2004-2005

The External Credentials - Sport Credits Program (EC-SC) presents opportunities for student-participants to obtain graduation credits through reaching a standard in Ministry of Education approved external courses as an athlete. This program is administered and monitored by the Ministry of Small Business and Economic Development - Sport Secretariat. The External Sport Credits program began in 1997 and the program objective is to obtain graduation credits for successfully reaching a standard of sport excellence as an athlete. It includes athletes who are competing on provincial or national teams, are Team BC members attending the Western Canada Summer Games or the Canada Summer or Winter Games, as well as BC and National Athlete Assistance recipients.

Student-participants who meet standards for Athlete 10 and 12 in wheelchair basketball are to report and provide to their secondary school counsellor the required verification or certification indicating that they have met the standard listed in the Course Information Booklet. Students must present required documentation to their secondary school counsellor to receive Graduation Program course credits. External credentials & credits earned appear on student report cards & graduation transcripts. Identified programs must meet a minimum time commitment of 100 hours of training, competition and sport education hours in order to receive recognition as a program of merit. The following program standards will come into effect starting September 2004. Student athletes who have in the past participated in the currently approved programs will be eligible for credit BUT ONLY BEGINNING in the 2004-05 school year. This information will be available in the near future on the Ministry of Education website at http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/graduation/courseinfo/chapter_2/welcome.htm (Select External Sport Courses).

	Athlete 10 UXSA 10 (4 credits)	Athlete 12 UXSA 12 (4 credits)
Program/Team	Regional/Zone Select Team (programs/teams must be representative of a region/zone of the province)	Provincial Team National Team BC – Canada Games Jr. National Team Sr. National Team
Competition	BC Winter Games	National Championships Canada Winter Games World Senior/ Junior Championships Paralympics
Training Diary Required	Yes	Yes
Min. # of Hours of Training/Year	100	100
Yearly/Seasonal Training Plan	Yes	Yes
Coaching Certification	NCCP Introduction to Competition; Or, NCCP Level 2	NCCP Advanced Competition; Or, NCCP Level 3

CHANGES TO THE MINIMAL DISABILITY REGULATION FOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

At the recent meeting of the Executive Council of IWBF Don Perriman, President of the Player Classification Commission, made a presentation on behalf of the Commission to change the Regulation dealing with Minimal Disability. After discussion it was agreed that the IWBF Executive Council endorses the recommendation. It was agreed that the changes would go into effect after the Paralympics. This proposed wording of the regulation allows IWBF to consider approving players who have significant ligament injuries, which preclude them from playing running sports.

The Player Classification Commission is proposing a re-wording of the Minimal Disability regulations to read as follows:

“A wheelchair basketball player must meet the following criteria:

- a) a wheelchair basketball player is unable to run, pivot or jump at a speed and with the control, safety, stability and endurance of an able-bodied player.
- b) a wheelchair basketball player has a permanent physical disability of the lower limb/s which can be objectively verified by acknowledged medical and/or paramedical investigations such as measurement, x-ray, CT, MRI, etc.”

Stay tuned for information on the final approval of this regulation after the Paralympics.

COACHES CORNER

Wheelchair Basketball is one of the many sports participating in the Canada Winter Games which will take place in Whitehorse, YK in 2007. BCWBS is **currently accepting applications for the 2007 Canada Winter Games Team BC Head Coach position.**

All fully NCCP level 3 certified coaches (technical, practical and theory) are invited to submit an application which should include your coaching experience and a letter of interest to BCWBS by August 31st, 2004.

BCWBS is also **seeking an assistant coach for the Team BC program.** This individual must be fully NCCP Level 3 certified at least 90 days prior to the Canada Games. All coaches currently certified to a minimum of NCCP Level 2 with plans for completion of Level 3 are invited to submit a letter of interest to BCWBS by September 30th, 2004. In consultation with the newly appointed Head Coach, BCWBS will review assistant coach applicants and confirm the timing and selection process at a later date.

Please note that **a call for the Team Manager position will follow.** All applicants must be fully NCCP Level 1 certified. Prospective staff should be aware of the time commitments of the program beginning in the fall of 2004 through to and including the Canada Games in 2007. For more information please contact BCWBS at 604-737-3138.

2006 BC Winter Games Coach Certification Requirements

For those individuals interested in serving as a zone coach for the 2006 BC Winter Games in Greater Trail on February 23-26, please be advised that all zone coaches must be fully certified at NCCP Level 2 in wheelchair basketball. Contact BCWBS at |604-737-3138 for information.

MISCELLANEOUS

BCWBS Clothing for Sale – Black hoodie sweatshirts \$35 (M, L, XL, XXL), grey long sleeved T \$20 (L & XL), ball caps \$15. Order from BCWBS.

Sport Wheelchair Rentals – BCWBS has a limited number of sport wheelchairs available for rental through the Wheelchair Loan Program. The program requires you to sign a loan agreement one-year in length and submit a \$100/year or \$10/month rental fee. If you are interested please call BCWBS at 737-3138 to add your name to the waiting list and for information on the program.

UPCOMING CWBA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP HOST CITIES



2005 CHAMPIONSHIPS

CWBL Junior and Mini Basket

Kitchener, ON – April 8-10
Hosted by the Twin City Spinners

CWBL Open Finals

Winnipeg, MB – April 15-17th,
Hosted by MWSA

National Championships and Women's CWBL Finals

Edmonton, AB – May 19-22
Hosted by WSA

2006 CHAMPIONSHIPS

CWBL Junior and Mini Basket Finals

Montreal, QC – April 13-16th. Hosted by CIVA

CWBL Open Finals

Fredericton, NB – April 7-9.
Hosted by Elm City Wheelchair Sports Association

National Championships and Women's CWBL Finals

Kitchener, ON – May 19-21.
Hosted by the Twin City Spinners

2007 CHAMPIONSHIPS

CWBL Open Finals

Kitchener, ON – April 6-8th.
Hosted by the Twin City Spinners

BCWBS Grants Program - BCWBS is pleased to support a grant program for our membership. The goal of this program is to support current wheelchair basketball programs and activities and assist in the development of new program initiatives. Next deadline for applications is October 1, 2004. Maximum grant allocation is \$500. Please contact the BCWBS office for a copy of the criteria for distribution. Please remember that in order to remain eligible for grant applications a final report/summary must be submitted to BCWBS and include receipts verifying use of your previous grant.

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